

January 28, 2008

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 p.m. on the above date with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Waters; Chief Beloat; Comm. Maynard; Cecil Waters; Patricia Colbert – Director, Solid Waste Management; Andy Hoehn; Mary Rose; Geneva James; Dave and Judy Whitten; Jerry Walden; Ron and Marcia Neuman; MaryAnn Fuelling; Larry Williams; Ann Blackburn; Sis Claxton; Tom Hogan – Johnson Controls; Rosemary Knowles; and Elaine Springer.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any correction or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Curtis moved all claims be allowed for payment, with the exception of the Crowe Chizek bill, as they will take that bill up under Council business. He added he does not feel the Utility Board authorized that work and possibly the bill could be paid from someplace else.

Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

\*\*\*\*\*CLAIMS\*\*\*\*\*

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Water Chairman.

Chairman Curtis stated it has been a busy month. He continued by stating he and Sewer Representative Higgins visited the ladies in the utility office about their software issues and they do now have a plan in place to address these concerns.

Board member Higgins agreed and added it needs to be straightened out and they need to be using Keystone only, as they have been running both systems for seven months, they need get off of both systems.

Chairman Curtis continued by stating he and Supt. Gray went to Indianapolis to meet with IDEM about the plan of compliance that was. He added he glanced through the November 29 IDEM survey and they had reported some sand leakage from one of the KROFTAs, that needs to be addressed, but IDEM also included a letter of commendation to the City.

Supt. Gray agreed that IDEM was pleased this time, as the 2002 and 2006 survey items have been fixed. He did state KROFTA #1 is leaking sand and they need to find a way to be able to measure the depth of the sand in the unit monthly, without draining the filters. But again, he stated, IDEM was very pleased.

Supt. Gray continued his report by stating also in a meeting with IDEM they discussed bacteria in the distribution system, which they have been treating with chlorine, which can cause a build up in

the lines. He added they were approved to apply re-ox to the lines to help combat the build up and he would like permission to extend that treatment for a third month, at a cost of \$4,000.00.

Chairman Curtis asked that Supt. Gray come back in a month and let the Board know about testing on the lines to ensure that is necessary. He stated he is not opposed to extending the use of the re-ox; he would just like an update first.

Supt. Gray agreed that was fine. He then stated he has given the Board a copy of a compliance letter on residuals, compliance should be achieved by March 30, 2008. He stated he would like to implement chlorine injection to the system, after contact with the filters, and he does have a permit in to the State for use of copper sulfate and potassium permanganate. He conclude by stating they are will on their way to compliance.

Board member Curtis moved the Board accept the compliance plan as presented and proceed.

Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with the Board voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Gray stated he would also like to introduce oxygen in the system by exploring air injection. He added he does have a quote, \$7,000.00, for the entire project, and he would like to start this any time this year. He then stated they will start flushing hydrants this year and plan to do all of them twice, time permitting.

Board member Fuelling asked when they will start to be able to see lowering in he chlorine levels ?

Supt. Gray replied they should start to see the results by March 30. He added that while flushing hydrants, they will also be conducting flow tests. He then stated Tom Hogan is present to update the Board this evening.

Mr. Hogan stated that is a great commendation from IDEM and the water department has come a long way. He added he is honored that the Board trusts JCI to come in and do the work they are doing. He stated they are now done with the plant design and folks should start to see some activity soon. He added JCI is very excited about this project and he would like to thank the Board for their hard work on the weekends, at night, etc. He would also like to thank Supt. Gray for his many hours of work, he is very pleased with their progress and if there are ever any questions, do not hesitate to contact him.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions of Chairman Curtis or Supt. Gray ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they have the Financial Report before them and any questions should be directed to Supt. Gray or Bookkeeper Bennett.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is a Letter of Engagement from Umbaugh on the Financing on JCI Phase 1.

Attorney Higgins stated this does encompass a rate study, the scope of work, financing, the official statement, etc.

Board member Fuelling moved the Letter of Engagement be accepted and approved. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions before they proceed with a roll call vote?

Board member Hoehn asked if this is a plan to receive financing ?

Attorney Higgins replied yes, it gets everything ready to sell the bonds, newly defines the project, and possibly adds a new tier to the rate structure.

Board member Hoehn asked if this study will determine if the city can afford this project?

Attorney Higgins replied yes.

Mayor Tucker stated if there were no further questions, he requests a roll call vote.

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Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

Rosemary Knowles stated she would again like to address the Crowe Chizek bill and clear up any confusion about it. She stated the bill was not for work on an annexation, they were contacted about the possibility of a new police and fire station and ways to pay for that, looking at the revenues generated by the new annexation. That is what the work was actually for, along with some work on the west side ethanol plant.

Board member Curtis stated nothing they did was work for the water department.

Mrs. Knowles replied she discussed this with Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe who volunteered that bill be split between the water and sewer, as similar bills in the past had been done. She asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

Board member Hoehn stated she has a question that may be for Supt. Gray, concerning the JCI contractual agreement. She stated there are 12 points that it shows the city is responsible for and she was wondering who is actually responsible and how are they going to be paid for ?

Attorney Higgins replied there will be still need to be some land acquisitions as well as some time spent getting those issues narrowed down. She added Supt. Gray has made contact with one landowner, but there are still issues with others.

Board member Curtis agreed there has been a considerable amount of change in the items, some were joint items of responsibility, one being the right-of-way on the railroad issue. He added another is the temporary pumping situation.

Attorney Higgins stated some point have become joint responsibility where they had been solely the city's responsibility before. She added the last version that was emailed to the Board if the final version. She stated the email was forwarded from JCI to the Board in final draft.

Board member Hoehn replied she did not receive that and asked that Attorney Higgins please forward to her.

Attorney Higgins agreed and added it probably went out a week ago.

Board member Hoehn asked if they are saying the 12 point have now changed ?

Supt. Gray replied yes.

Board member Hoehn asked if there are any final numbers yet ?

Supt. Gray replied no not yet as they are still in negotiations with the railroad, and they need to purchase an easement north of town, as well as working out an arrangement on the land for the booster station; though they may be able to do some horse trading on that.

Board member Hoehn stated she was wanting to know the total dollar amount.

Supt. Gray replied he understands, but they are just not there yet.

Attorney Higgins stated when the project is funded, financing will be provided for everything and they will have the final figures at that time.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any other Old Business ?

Jerry Walden stated at the last meeting they discussed a temporary water intake that would be replaced in 18 months.....

Supt. Gray replied yes, it is a temporary structure which is needed now to meet the Aventine deadline, it is needed regardless. He added it is NOT a permanent facility, though it will be built tough enough to last 15 years or so.

Mr. Walden stated he understands they need a permanent fix for it as well, he just wanted some clarification.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there were no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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John Tucker  
Mayor

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Cristi L. Wolfe  
Clerk-Treasurer

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board on the above date with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Waters; Chief Beloat; Comm. Maynard; Cecil Waters; Patricia Colbert – Director, Solid Waste Management; Andy Hoehn; Mary Rose; Geneva James; Dave and Judy Whitten; Jerry Walden; Ron and Marcia Neuman; MaryAnn Fuelling; Larry Williams; Ann Blackburn; Sis Claxton; Tom Hogan – Johnson Controls; Rosemary Knowles; and Elaine Springer.

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Board member Fuelling moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated before they get into Committee reports, they all have copies of the year-end reports and he would just ask that they review them and any questions or concerns they have, bring them to the next meeting. With that being said, he stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairwoman Askren stated she has no report.

Comm. Maynard stated Ms. Colbert is here from Solid Waste Management to address some concerns from the last meeting.

Ms. Colbert stated the curb side recycling is run jointly between them and the city, and there is a holiday schedule, though she apologizes that it wasn't out before the first of the year. She stated she has asked the County Commissioners, who set the holiday schedule, to do so before December, but that doesn't happen. She added they need the holiday schedule before they can make the recycle schedule. She then stated when the city has a holiday, trash is picked up the following day and luckily this can happen due to the city having three trash trucks – two for the route and one for a back up. She added the curbside program has one truck, which the city owns, there is no back up. She added this folks on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, the blue route, will have their recyclables picked up next Monday, and the same will happen in February. She stated the only month when recycle is picked up only once is November, due to four holidays that month. She also reminded folks that there are months with five Mondays in them, but recycles are not picked up every other week, only twice a month. She then stated the city residents pay \$5.60 for trash pick up, which also includes the recycle pick up, leaf collection, limb pick up after storms, and free appliance pick. She stated she pays \$12.00 for trash pick up only; recycle is extra. She added Mt Vernon gets a very good deal for their money, as she has asked that the rates be raised to be more in line with the going rate for the state.

Board member Higgins asked if Lawrence Additions is the highest user of the recycle program ?

Ms. Colbert replied yes, and Country Club Estates as well. She then stated many folks don't use the curbside service, instead they choose to come to the recycle center on the weekends. She then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Maynard stated, another follow up from the last meeting – he has talked with Tom Schneider about placement of a sign at the funeral home for traffic flow and he is to get back with him and let him know the location to place the sign.

Board member Higgins thanked him for following up on that.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairman Fuelling stated he has no report and Chief Beloit says everything is going along just fine. He added if the Clerk-Treasurer would let loose of some money, the police department could definitely spend it !

Chief Beloit stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairwoman Hoehn stated she spoke with Chief Waters today, as well as took a tour of the Fire Department. She added it was very enjoyable and she appreciates the time and effort Chief Waters took with her and it is great that the City has a professional fire department.

Chief Waters stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairwoman Higgins stated she spoke with Supt. Givens, who apologized for not being present tonight, but he had prior commitment. She added she had no report.

Mayor Tucker added he is attending a utility dig class. He then asked if there were any questions ? There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they have the Financial Report and then asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

Attorney Higgins stated in reference to the EDC contribution that city is going to make, the \$2,500 they agreed on several meetings ago; she has talked with Bill Newman and they do have a Board seated at this time. She added if the Board is wanting to include any additional expenditures from this fund (Crowe Chizek), they may want to consider having her draft that as well into the ordinance of additional appropriations. That way, she stated, they only have to advertise once and that will cut down on publication costs.

Councilman Curtis stated the Council agreed to the donation of \$2,500.00, and as for the city share of the Crowe Chizek bill, that work has been done, they just need to decide where to pay for it from.

Councilwoman Hoehn stated agreed if it is paid from EDC, they just need to be able to show just cause as to why it was paid from where it was.

Councilman Curtis moved half of the Crowe Chizek bill be paid from the EDC Fund and that it be included along in the ordinance of additional appropriations with the EDC donation. Seconded by councilwoman Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins added she will have the prepared for the next meeting and then it will need to be published by Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

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There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1<sup>st</sup> District Councilwoman Askren stated she has no report.

2<sup>nd</sup> District Councilman Fuelling stated he has no report.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Councilwoman Hoehn stated she and Comm. Maynard have met and discussed the issue at West Elementary, it appears they are now waiting on a study with recommendations from an

engineering group. She added the issue is flooding around Venice Ave. She then stated she appreciates Comm. Maynard's efforts and his constant communication with her.

4<sup>th</sup> District Councilman Curtis stated he has no report.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated she has no report.

Mayor Tucker reported on September 12, 2008 the Lincoln Journey of Remembrance will be making a stop in Mount Vernon and actually docking at the riverfront over night. He added because of this, he is putting a committee together, spearheaded by Councilwoman Higgins, to get some events planned around this. He added they are looking into a hoop pole re-enactment. He stated he has all the information if anyone is interested.

Councilwoman Higgins stated 2016 is the City's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday and she hopes to put great things together for it as well as for this event in September. She added they will be looking into getting some booths set up from civic organizations as well as food vendors, maybe get some ranking officials to be present, etc. Make a big event out of it.

Mayor Tucker continued by stating April 13<sup>th</sup> (27<sup>th</sup> rain date) there will be a tractor/car show downtown put on by Nick Fuelling and Kelly Collins, teaming with TMI for insurance purposes. Mr. Walden stated he would like to make a plug for the Kiwanis along these lines – they are once again bringing a circus to town and they will once again be using the property at the school. He added it will be held the last weekend in April. He then stated May 3, they will be having a car show, tentatively, as they are looking into bringing in another car club.

Mayor Tucker stated if there were no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling. Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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